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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the proposed resource requirements for the period from 1 May to 31 December 2015 for the Panel of Experts on South Sudan, amounting to $947,500 net ($971,600 gross).

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I. Panel of Experts on South Sudan

($947,500)

Background, mandate and objective

1. The Panel of Experts on South Sudan was established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2206 (2015), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to create, for an initial period of 13 months, a group of up to five experts under the direction of the Committee established in the same resolution to oversee an asset freeze and a travel ban imposed on individuals or entities designated by the Committee as engaging in or providing support for acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of South Sudan, and to provide information relevant to the potential designation of such individuals and entities. The mandated tasks of the Panel are as follows:

(a) Assist the Committee in carrying out its mandate as specified in resolution 2206 (2015), including through providing the Committee with information relevant to the potential designation of individuals and entities who may be engaging in the activities described in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the resolution;

(b) Gather, examine and analyse information regarding the implementation of the measures decided in resolution 2206 (2015), in particular incidents of non-compliance, with particular focus on the benchmarks outlined in paragraphs 21 and 22 of the resolution;

(c) Gather, examine and analyse information regarding the supply, sale or transfer of arms and related materiel and related military or other assistance, including through illicit trafficking networks, to individuals and entities undermining political processes to reach a final peace agreement or participating in acts that violate international human rights law or international humanitarian law, as applicable;

(d) Provide to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, an interim report by 1 September 2015, a final report by 1 February 2016 and, except in the months when these reports are due, updates each month;

(e) Assist the Committee in refining and updating information on the list of individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by resolution 2206 (2015), including through the provision of identifying information and additional information for the publicly available narrative summary of reasons for listing.

Cooperation with other entities

2. In carrying out its mandate, in addition to seeking the cooperation and assistance of Member States, the Panel of Experts on South Sudan is expected to seek the cooperation and assistance of regional and economic organizations, such as the African Union and its Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan; relevant United Nations operations in the field, such as the United Nations Mission in South Sudan; the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and its Monitoring and Verification Mechanism; and other relevant sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels.

Planning assumptions for 2015

3. It is anticipated that the Panel, which will be home-based, will carry out its mandated activities, in particular by monitoring the implementation of the relevant measures specified in resolution 2206 (2015). The Panel will collect information on and monitor the implementation by States of the measures imposed by the Security Council. Subject to the security situation, the Panel is expected to conduct extensive field work and on-site investigation of alleged violations and to make recommendations thereon. The Panel is also expected to submit to the Council an interim and a final report, as well as monthly updates on its activities that include specific recommendations.

4. The objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures of the Panel are set out in the table below.

Objective, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective: To ensure the full implementation of the sanctions measures contained in Security Council resolution 2206 (2015) pertaining to South Sudan

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of the Security Council to take follow-up action on alleged violations	(a) (i) Number of official communications from the Committee to States and other entities on alleged violations cited by the Panel *Performance measures* Target 2015: 6 (ii) Number of bilateral meetings between the Chair of the Committee and concerned States and organizations to follow up on the Panel's report *Performance measures* Target 2015: 3

Outputs

- Report to the Security Council (1)
- Briefing to the Committee (1)
- Monthly updates to the Committee (6)

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(b) Enhanced capacity of the Security Council to adjust the sanctions regime	(b) (i) Number of recommendations made by the Panel agreed upon by the Committee *Performance measures* Target 2015: 6 (ii) Number of recommendations made by the Panel incorporated by the Security Council in subsequent resolutions *Performance measures* Target 2015: 1

Outputs

- Recommendation to the Committee on actions aimed at promoting or modifying the sanctions regime (1)
- Recommendations concerning new individuals or entities to be listed (3)

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(c) Improved compliance by States and other entities with the sanctions measures	(c) (i) Number of communications from States and other entities on compliance-related issues *Performance measures* Target 2015: 13 (ii) Number of communications from States and other entities seeking advice on ways to comply with the measures *Performance measures* Target 2015: 9

Outputs

- Communications from the Panel to States and other entities requesting information relating to compliance with the sanctions measures (36)
- Investigations by the Panel of Experts into possible violations of the measures by States and other entities (7)

External factors

5. The objective would be achieved on the assumption that States comply with the resolutions of the Security Council and cooperate with the Panel of Experts and that the investigations of the Panel are not hindered.

Resource requirements (regular budget)

Financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	Requirements for 2015		Total requirements for 2014	Variance, 2014-2015
	Total	Non-recurrent		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(1)-(3)
Civilian personnel costs	134.5	–	–	134.5
Operational costs	813.0	36.4	–	813.0
Total	**947.5**	**36.4**	**–**	**947.5**

Positions

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories			National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Security Service	General Service	Total international	National Professional Officer	Local level	United Nations Volunteers	Total
Approved 2014	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Proposed 2015	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	2	3	–	–	–	3
Change	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**2**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3**

6. It is proposed that a position of Political Affairs Officer (P-3) be created to provide substantive advice and support to the experts by conducting research; gathering, selecting and analysing information relevant to the work of the Panel; facilitating the drafting of reports and correspondence; coordinating the logistical and administrative support provided to the experts; supporting the experts on missions; and maintaining liaison with the Committee, United Nations agencies, Member States and other relevant entities. It is also proposed that a position of Research Assistant (General Service (Other level)) be created to provide research and administrative support to the Panel and that a position of Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other level)) be created in the Executive Office of the Department of Political Affairs to manage the increased demand for administrative, financial and logistical support emanating from the expansion of the Panel of Experts on Libya in 2014 and the establishment of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic in 2013, the Panel of Experts on Yemen in 2014 and the Panel of Experts on South Sudan in 2015.

7. The estimated requirements for 2015 would amount to $947,500 (net of staff assessment) to provide for salaries and common staff costs for three positions (1 P-3 and 2 General Service (Other level)) to provide substantive and administrative support to the experts of the Panel ($134,500); fees ($375,700) and official travel ($303,200) of the five members of the Panel; official travel of staff ($19,100); and other operational and logistical support requirements, such as rental of premises, rental of vehicles, communications, information technology equipment and maintenance, and miscellaneous supplies and services ($115,000).

8. Pending the preparation and submission of the present budget proposal, the initial requirements of the Panel of Experts on South Sudan are being met through a commitment authority of the Secretary-General in the amount of $178,700 under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 68/249 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015, which will be reversed following the decision of the Assembly on the present report.

Extrabudgetary resources

9. No extrabudgetary resources are projected for the Panel of Experts on South Sudan for 2015.

II. Action required of the General Assembly

10. **The General Assembly is requested:**

(a) To approve the budget in the amount of $947,500 (net of staff assessment) for the Panel of Experts on South Sudan for the period up to 31 December 2015;

(b) To appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213, an additional amount of $947,500 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

(c) To appropriate an amount of $24,100 under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.